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AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS

1. THE PLENARY COMPLETED ACTION ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS
SUBMITTED UNDER ITEM 12. THE RESOLUTION (31/136) WAS
ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS BUT NOW INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT IN OPERATIVE
PARA 3 PROPOSED ORALLY IN PLENARY BY THE NIGERIAN
DELEGATE. THE AMENDMENT ADDS THE FOLLOWING WORDING IN
OPERATIVE PARA 3. AFTER THE PHRASE "REQUESTS THE SYG,
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AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, TO CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS
OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND" INSERT "AND THE LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS CONCERNED".

2. THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION SUGGESTED THIS AMENDMENT,
AS FAR AS WE COULD DETERMINE, WITHOUT CONSULTATION

WITH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED OR ANY OTHER OF THE
CO-SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION.

3. US DELEGATION CONSULTED WITH THE EC-9 WHO AGREED
THAT WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT. THEY ALSO
AGREED THAT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO
CALL FOR A VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AND ABSTAIN AND THEN
GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE.
THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT WAS 98-0-29(US). THOSE ABSTAINING
INCLUDED ALL OF THE EC-9 AND BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, AND
SWAZILAND, WHO OBVIOUSLY RESENTED THIS AD HOC TAMPERING
WITH THEIR CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED RESOLUTION.
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